## The Message From Bleaker's Alice Crittenden Derby

ant, 1901, by Ruby Douglas

t operator at Bleaker's Lift had been crying. Job Daly, the tacitrack walker, saw that with half all .- which was all be ever diward the sex-when he came for the coal scuttle that evening. Taxing his imagination for a cause. ob surrelsed that Rhoda wept because her faller was laid up again with his edpoid lack, a memento of the last andside which he had defied in order n tick if a warning to others. As a matter of fact the girl's tears were not but pertained to the discovthat the young engineer of No. 7 ut a chap of very different short, a son of the first vice with a penchant for practiknowledge concerning his father's

take for his father and missuringly when Rhoda Lin the admission that I of their matrimonial

the so doggoned crit-In I ave, blissfully depositor studge near Rhoda's pink He's self made, every inch of wan at rock bottom forty years Ha isn't snobbish either in some He's often told me that I'm for an old 'buddy' of his; some one he thought the world of and would

Notwithstanding the vice president's marnanimity toward the memory of a whilem "builty." Rhoda felt that her hamble self as a daughter-in-law te wantonly thrust upon om particularly since Dave confessed the act might bind ger's life in dead ear wreck her lovhard ore Rhoda was dig-- grave that night at

a wordless sympathy ar coal stove so solicit-. . k and again at 1 that triven to the open door for a treath of the keen mountain air of late November The black night showed only a few sickly stars above the all pines and Job Daly's lantern swinging along the winding path toward his own shanty. Suddenly this one Mendly twinkle amid the darkness arried sideways and went out.

"ibb," ralled Rhoda concernedly. There was no answer, and the girl turnel resolutely within the office. She had lighted another lantern and was rea that for a wrap when unusual

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e wires the men filed muttered colloquy. down, her head Then, at the thought of t be, she drew a bright the revolution the drawer and T. A muffled step and od before her, glancas back apprehansively, as if to see if The girts - "pon fisched aimiget!

With a hoarse imprecation the man lunged to the floor, his temple striking a broken drawhead, which fate, in the person of Job Daly, had cast into a corner that afternoon. Blood gushed from two wounds and he lay white and motionless where he had fallen.

In Rhoda's ears was a running reverberation. She thought it was her own heart till the deck lights of a freight whizzed past and then she knew why the report of her shot had not S. C. HAMILTON, D. D. S. brought the other men back. She crouched in her chair, hiding her eyes from that rigid, white faced object with its oozing blood. The wonted companionship of the sounder was gone and the mournful sighing of the pine trees without seemed a ghostly requiem for

After many hours, she thought, there came a locomotive's sharp cry, waking the mountain echoes; then the nearer rolling thunder of a train. She heard the brake shoes grind upon the wheels and then oblivion enfolded her, unpene trated by the hubbub of shouts and firing which followed.

What she knew next was that Dave bent over her, pressing her drooping head against the breast of his sooty The room was full of men. some of them bound and gagged. Among these latter was Job, for once more silent than even he enjoyed though he spoke no word when some

A stately old gentleman emerged from the background and, crossing over, twitched the engineer's sleeve The young man lifted his eyes, a ten der, adoring light still filling them. "Father!" he exclaimed. "What in

the name of all"-The old gentleman smiled quizzically "I had a fancy to see how you ran an engine, Dave, and I got right into

it. Hey, boy?" At that moment a commotion arose from the ruffian in the corner. Raising himself on one elbow he stared stupidly about, then lifted a vindictive fist and shook it at Rhoda.

"You young Jezebel, you," he roared painfully, "to serve me like this after I'd saved you from the gang. They'd have slung you a through ticket if I'd blowed your message, and you know it, too, you-you-bully little devil hen was going to help you make a sneak if you hadn't plugged me, but"-

Rhoda sprang forward, remorsefully wringing her hands. Dave's gaze went with her devouringly

The vice president looked from one to the other. Then he adjusted his eye glasses and picked up the yellow telegram slip which the division superintendent had just laid down. He read: "Danger at H. Robbers waiting for train No. 7. Don't stop, for God's

The official smiled again, this time a little uncertainly. Edging closer to his son he laid a gentle hand upon his

"Lad," he said reproachfully, pointing to the little old photograph above the table, "why didn't you tell me long ago that she was Dave Brody's girl? Surely you knew that he was my old

The Color of Water. After long hesitation scientific men agree in admitting that water physically pure seen in mass is sky blue. This color is that taken by the white light of the sun when absorbed by the water in consequence of a phenomenon the explanation of which would be a little long. It is not due to the chemical puand also thanking God that it rity of the water, since the sea, which contains the most salt. Nevertheless, according to Forel's experiments, the matter in solution should be the pre-Trop that, curse you!" snarled one dominant cause of the modification of of the men. "You'll finger that ticker color, upon which act besides the mat-Then I tell you to and not before. ter in suspension the color of the bottom and the reflection of the sky and was the ugliest villain of them all of the banks. Consequently blue water The spoke, and Rhoda's arm fell at her is pretty rare in nature. A good many seas and lakes that give us the impres-You'll wire the old man at sion of this tint are green. The water Ramford," the fellow commanded, lev- at present acknowledged to be the a shining barrel at her head, bluest is that of the Sargasso sea, behas there a neck or a tree make it | tween the Cape Verde islands and the Antilles. The water of the Mediterra-Is burt and they'll have to Capri is bluer than that of Lake Leman, much less blue itself than that of the lakes of Kandersteg and Arolla, in Switzerland.-Paris L'Illustration.

Calling the Landlady. A man's curiosity got the better of him in a Back Bay lodging house one day, and he paid for it, as is usually up proper or it'll be the case. He said he hadn't seen the My way I A metallic click landlady during his stay of three months, the rents being paid to the housekeeper, and a friend to whom he made this remark said that she was around about every day-in fact, he wouldn't be surprised if she was in the house then. To test his confidence he was willing to wager the cigars that she was there, and his doubting friend considered it too easy a thing to lose, so he said, "Agreed." Then the man who was certain proceeded to win easlly. Seizing a plate from the table, he dropped it upon the floor, and in less than a minute the woman of the house was on the scene inquiring about the cause of the noise. The doubter was satisfied.—Boston Clobe.

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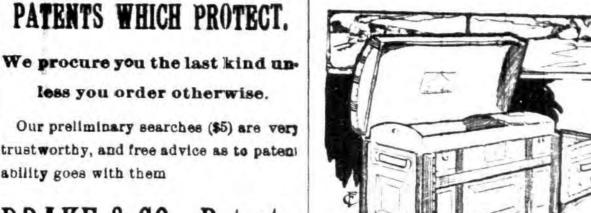
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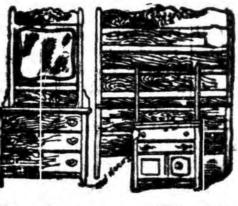
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